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Ledbury Urban Annual Report 1941.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit my interim Annual Report for the Year 1941, which is much abbreviated for obvious reasons.

Throughout the year I have continued to have the support of the Council and this has greatly facilitated the work of the Department during an eventful year.

I also wish to place on record the valuable assistance which I have recieved from the other officers of the Council, this has always been most willingly given.

The health of the District during the year can be regarded as satisfactory when the prevailing circumstances are taken into consideration. However, this statement does not imply that no further improvement in the health of the inhabitants of the District is possible - there is still room at the appropriate time for improvement in this respect - but the Town was faced with no serious threat to health.

There has been considerable delay in publishing the Annual Report but this has been unavoidable owing to pressure of work.

I am, Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

William Hogg.

Medical Officer of Health.

May 1943.

SECTION A: STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area (in acres)	499
Number of inhabited houses (end of 1941)	977
Rateable Value	£18,060
Sum represented by a penny rate	£70. 17. 3.

Extracts from Vital Statistics of the Year:

Birth Rate per 1,000 of estimated resident population	17.3
Stillbirths Rate per 1,000 (live and still) Births	20.8
Death Rate per 1,000 of estimated resident population	20.2

Deaths from Puerperal Causes:

		Deaths.	Rate per 1,000 Total Births.
Heading No. 29 ...	Puerperal Sepsis	Nil.	Nil.
" " 30 ...	Other Puerperal Causes	Nil.	Nil.

Death Rate of Infants under One Year of Age:

All Infants per 1,000 live Births	40.8
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate live Births	Nil
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 illegitimate live Births	500

SECTION B. GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA:

The number of specimens examined by the County and City Public Health Laboratory during the year was as follows:-

Swabs for Diphtheria Bacilla	50
Swabs for Streptococci	9
Sputa for Tuberculosis	29
Cerebro Spinal Fluid	1
Blood	1
Water - Chemical	5
Bacteriological	11

SECTION C. SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA:

Water. No important change was made in the water supply of the Area.

Drainage & Sewerage. There have been no important extensions of sewers during the year.

Public Cleansing. This continues to be carried out satisfactorily.

Sanitary Inspection of the Area:

Inspections:-

Slaughterhouses	nil
Common Lodging Houses	9
Bakehouses	2
Housing & Nuisances	164
Housing Consolidated Regulations 1923	nil
Infectious Diseases	17
Factories with Mechanical Power ...	34
Factories without Mechanical Power ...	11
Miscellaneous	21
	258

Notices Issued:-

Informal	23
Statutory re Housing	nil
Statutory under other Acts	nil

Summary of Defects Remedied:

Housing Defects Remedied 141

Disinfection re Infectious Disease: 15

SECTION D. HOUSING.

Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the Year:-

Total number of Dwelling Houses inspected for Housing Defects (Under Public Health or Housing Acts). 43

Number of Inspections made for the purpose ... 51
Number of Dwelling Houses (Included under above) which were Inspected and Recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 and 1932 nil

Number of Dwelling Houses found not to be in all respects fit for human habitation 17

Remedy of Defects during the Year without Service of Formal Notices:-

Number of Defective Dwelling Houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers 17

SECTION E. INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Milk Supply:-

There are no registered producers of milk in the Area and consequently no inspections of farms or dairies were made.

Eight retailers are registered. No samples were taken for bacteriological examination during the year.

Meat and Other Foods:-

It has not been possible to carry out a complete inspection of meat etc. exposed for sale in the District although a certain amount of this work has been done.

SECTION F. PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

Notifiable Diseases during the Year 1941:-

Disease.	Total Cases Notified.	Cases admitted to Hospital.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	18	18	1
Measles	134	nil	nil
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	nil	nil
Whooping Cough	15	nil	nil
Cerebro Spinal Fever	2	2	1

Analysis of Total Notified Cases according to Age:-

Disease.	Under 1	1+	2+	3+	4+	5+	10+	15+	20+	35+	45+	65 & Over	Totals.
Diphtheria	1	-	2	-	1	3	5	1	3	2	-	-	18
Measles	-	11	10	20	8	72	6	6	-	1	-	-	134
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Whooping Cough	-	2	-	3	2	6	2	-	-	-	-	-	15
Cerebro Spinal Fever	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2
Totals	1	13	13	23	11	81	13	7	4	3	1	-	170

Tuberculosis:-

At the end of 1940 there were 17 cases of tuberculosis on the register - 13 cases of pulmonary and 4 cases of non-pulmonary disease. During the year 14 cases were added to the register - 10 pulmonary and 4 non-pulmonary. During the year 17 cases were removed from the register and on the 31st. December, 1941, 12 cases of pulmonary and 2 cases of non-pulmonary disease remained on the register.

New Cases and Mortality during 1941:-

Age Periods.	NEW CASES.				DEATHS.			
	Respiratory.		Non-respiratory.		Respiratory.		Non-respiratory.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1+	-	-	2	-	-	-	2	-
5+	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
15+	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	-
25+	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
35+	4	1	1	-	1	1	-	-
45+	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
55+	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
65 & Over	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	4	5	4	1	2	3	2	1

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